

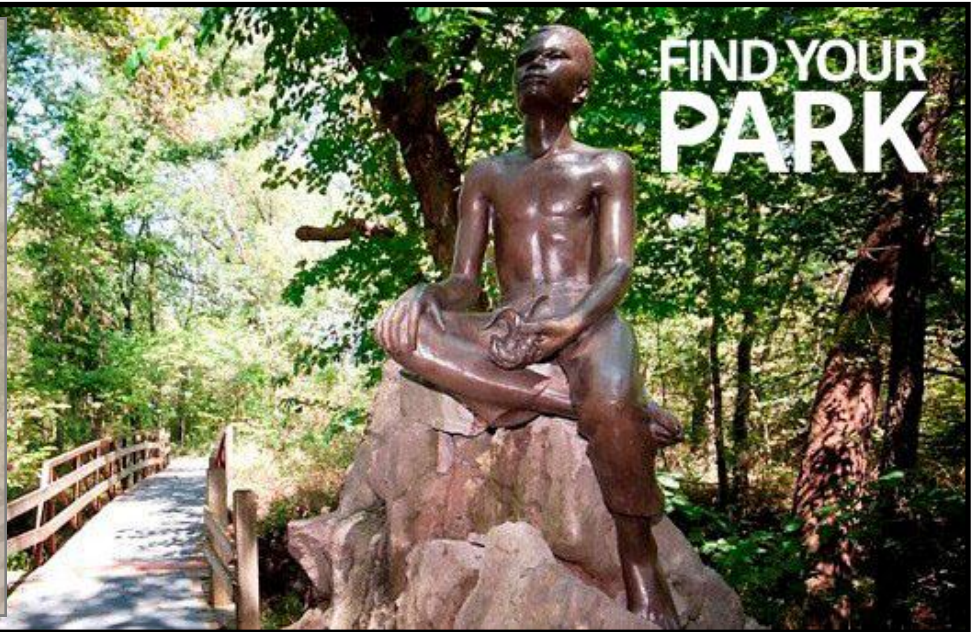


Announcing:

George Washington
Carver 4th Grade Art
and Essay Contest!

2016 Theme:

I Found My Favorite
National Park!



CELEBRATE THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CENTENNIAL!

Happy 100th Birthday, National Park Service! Students choose a national park to research, and then submit artwork, an essay, or both!

WE'LL VISIT YOUR CLASS!

A volunteer will present an overview of the National Park Service Centennial and explain this special year for Art and Essay. Call 417-325-4151 to schedule a classroom visit.

RESOURCES TO GET YOU STARTED!

Find more resources at www.nps.gov/gwca

FINE ARTS GLEs!

FA: 2.A, 3.A, 1.B, 2.B, 3.B, 2.C, 1E, 1G, 3.G, FA.1, FA.2, FA.3, VA.1, VA.2, VA.3

COMMON CORE!

ELA-Literacy.CCRA.W.2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

FOLLOW THE RULES!

Entries must be delivered to the park or postmarked by **February 16, 2016**.
Please carefully follow the contest rules, enclosed.

AWARDS CEREMONY!

Trophies, ribbons, and gift certificates will be presented **April 2, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.**



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4th Grade Art and Essay Contest Rules



2016 Theme: ***I found my favorite national park!***

(Happy 100th birthday, National Park Service!)

Attention Teachers!

ARTWORK: Each teacher should submit one completed “**Art Entry Sheet**”, enclosed. Attach a typed list of all students submitting artwork. Please do not list students who are not participating in the art category. **Special note for groups:** Group entries must include a typed list of each group member, school, and teacher name.

ESSAYS: Each teacher should submit one completed “**Essay Entry Sheet**”, enclosed. Attach a typed list of all students submitting essays. Please do not list students who are not participating in the essay category.

Art Rules

A label with the following information must be securely affixed to the lower back corner of each art entry, so it is out of view of judges: student name (or group member names), school, teacher (include art teacher and classroom teacher, if applicable)

Size Limitations

Please be careful to observe size limitations. Two-dimensional media may not exceed 24 inches on each side. 2D media includes drawing, painting, printmaking, collage, photography, and mixed media.

Three-dimensional media may not exceed 24 inches in height, width, or depth. 3D artwork needs to be securely mounted to a firm, flat support. Sponsors are not responsible for damage of artwork during shipping or handling. Loose items may be subject to loss or damage.

Group projects are encouraged. Groups must consist of 3-5 students. Group projects may not exceed 24 inches in height, width, or depth.

Judges will give special consideration to projects that utilize natural and/or recycled materials but please do not include live, potted plants or any food items, such as peanuts.

Essay Rules

A label with the following information must be securely affixed to a lower, back corner of each essay: name of student, school, and teacher. Essays, handwritten or typed, should be no more than 500 words in length and submitted on 8 ½ x 11 inch paper. Please encourage double-sided pages but do not use staples, folders, or binders.

New in 2016: Digital entries are encouraged! Accepted formats include .doc, .docx, or .rtf.

Submit digital entries to: GWCA_interpretation@nps.gov by the deadline.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Evaluations conducted by judges are final. Judging is based on the following criteria:



ART

Expression of the theme
Originality
Technical ability
Creativity

ESSAY

Contest theme/Idea development
Conventions/Mechanical correctness
Sentence fluency
Presentation

Organization
Word choice
Voice

Everyone who participates is a winner!

- Certificate of participation for each student
- Museum store gift certificate for first place individual winners
- Trophies for first, second, and third place individual winners
- Trophies and museum store gift certificate for Best Group Project in art
- Trophies for Most Creative Classroom (teachers receive a gift certificate!)
- Ribbons for Honorable Mentions

DEADLINE

The deadline for all entries is **February 16, 2016**. If mailed they must be postmarked by this date.

Deliver or mail entries to: George Washington Carver National Monument
5646 Carver Road, Diamond, MO 64840

THE SHOW Entries will be displayed inside the visitor center at George Washington Carver National Monument from March 14th to April 2nd between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Sunday through Saturday. Please invite families to visit the exhibit! George Washington Carver National Monument is free of charge.

THE AWARDS CEREMONY

On Saturday, April 2nd at 2:00 p.m. at George Washington Carver National Monument, all participating students and families, teachers and principals are encouraged to attend this special ceremony. Winning students will read their essays or interpret their artwork.

Further information may be obtained by calling George Washington Carver National Monument at 417-325-4151 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by emailing: gwca_interpretation@nps.gov.

Art and Essay on the Web: <http://www.nps.gov/gwca/forteachers/art-and-essay-contest.htm>

MSSU Dept. of Teacher Education: <http://www.mssu.edu/academics/education/teacher/index.php>

Carver Birthplace Association: <http://www.carverbirthplaceassoc.org/>



Art Entry Sheet (use separate sheet for essay entries)



Teachers, please submit:

- 1. this completed Art Entry Sheet**
- 2. a typed list of all students participating in the art category**
- 3. student art entries**

If you have any questions, please call the park rangers at 417-325-4151 or email:
gwca_interpretation@nps.gov.

Classroom Teacher: _____

Art Teacher: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

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Essay Entry Sheet (use separate sheet for art entries)

Teachers, please submit:

- 1. this completed Essay Entry Sheet**
- 2. a typed list of all students participating in the essay category**
- 3. student essay entries**

If you have any questions, please call the park rangers at 417-325-4151 or email:
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Classroom Teacher: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

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